TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION, 1099.

(Adjourned Meeting.)

Friday, 26th September, 1924.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-five of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

His Highness the Maha Raja's College for Women.

87. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state why the Physics laboratory was not fitted up during the vacation as recommended by the Lady Principal and the Director of Public Instruction?

(*b*) Is it a fact that practical work is impossible till and while these alterations are made?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state why the extensions recommended by the Lady Principal, *viz.*, providing a lecture room, a work room, and a store room, have not been carried out?

(*d*) Why has not the Chemistry Lecturer been appointed from the re-opening of the college, as recommended by the Lady Principal?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Lady Principal has addressed the Ag. Director of Public Instruction in the matter and action is being taken by him. No recommendation has been received by the Government in the matter.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) There was no provision for the work in the Public Works Department Budget for 1099 M. E. Provision has not been made for the work in the draft budget for 1100 M. E.

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[Mr. A. Hoogewerf.]

(*d*) Further correspondence had to be carried on with the Ag. Director of Public Instruction in the matter. Final orders have now been issued.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, will the Government be pleased to state when the Lady Principal made the recommendation to the Director of Public Instruction regarding the Physics laboratory?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Lady Principal made her recommendation to the Director of Public Instruction. Government do not know when that recommendation was made. But the Government do know that the information which the Lady Principal furnished in connection with her recommendation was incomplete and that the Director had to write back to the Lady Principal for further information.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): How do the Government know that when they say in the answer that no recommendation has been received by the Government in the matter?

PRESIDENT: By referring to the Director.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Director has not made any recommendation in regard to the carrying out of the work in question.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): When was the recommendation made by the Lady Principal?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know the exact date. But I know, as already stated, that the information furnished by the Lady Principal to the Director was incomplete and that the Director had to write back for further information.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): When was all this done?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not quite sure of it.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Was not the recommendation made long long ago?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Does it not mean that the laboratory will not be fitted up for another year?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It may not be fitted up for another year.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): With reference to part (*c*) of the question, may I know when this recommendation was made for providing a lecture room, a work room and a store room by the Lady Principal?

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): One of the chairs is missing.

PRESIDENT: I see there is a vacant chair there. Is there any label on it?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): All the chairs here are labelled.

PRESIDENT: Anyhow the vacant chair may be occupied.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): If the President will authorise, that is all right.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No recommendation has come to the Government and the Government are not aware when the recommendation was made.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): My question is, when was the Lady Principal's recommendation made to the Director of Public Instruction?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I shall enquire. I have not got the information ready now.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): How is it that no provision has been made in the present budget for this?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter came up for consideration at the time of preparing the budget, and the Government then thought that the work was not so urgent as certain others for which provision had to be made in the budget for 1100.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (*d*) of the question, may I know when the recommendation was made?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I believe the recommendation was made in June. Further correspondence had to be carried on and orders were finally communicated in July 1924.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): What is the nature of the order? Has the Chemistry Lecturer been appointed?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes; Mr. Fenn has been appointed to that post.

Testing the Quality of Salt.

88. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) If salt should be fit for consumption, at what degree should it be scraped?

(*b*) At what degree is the salt scraped in the several factories in South Travancore?

(*c*) If salt is scraped at 32° and above, is it fit for consumption?

(*d*) Is brine tested in every pan before scraping salt?

(*e*) If so, how often did the Excise Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioners check the brine, and what are the registers, if any, maintained for the purpose?

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